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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY AND CPCC INTRODUCE NEW CHAMBER SERIES**

**September 5, 2017 | Charlotte, NC** — The Charlotte Symphony and Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) will offer a new chamber series beginning in the 2017-18 season.

The Connor Chamber Series is an extension of the already existing partnership between CPCC and the Symphony in an effort to reach new, diverse audiences and share music with the whole community. The series is made possible by ardent supporters of both organizations, Catherine and Wilton Connor.

“Chamber orchestra performances combine the creativity, talent, and discipline found in all classical music, but the experience is more intimate and personal,” says Catherine Connor.

The Charlotte Symphony and CPCC have shared a longstanding partnership, including Orchestra On Campus, a multidisciplinary approach to music education that brings the full orchestra once a year to CPCC’s Dale F. Halton Theater for a free performance for CPCC students.

The first of two Connor Chamber Series performances in 2017-18 will take place on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 3 p.m. in Tate Hall on CPCC’s Central Campus, located near uptown Charlotte.

The program will feature Charlotte Symphony Concertmaster Calin Lupanu in a play/conduct performance of works by Elgar, Shostakovich, and Britten. A reception will follow the performance and give audience members the chance to meet Symphony musicians.

The second performance will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 3 p.m. in Tate Hall. Charlotte Symphony Assistant Conductor Christopher James Lees will conduct.

Tickets cost \$18 and are available at [tix.cpcc.edu](http://tix.cpcc.edu) or by calling 704-330-6534. Complimentary parking is available in the CPCC Theater parking deck, located at 1225 E. 4th Street.

**About the Charlotte Symphony**

Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony is a longstanding nonprofit organization committed to delivering exceptional musical experiences that connect and strengthen the Charlotte community. Led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Symphony upholds the highest artistic integrity and takes bold steps to engage the community through music that enriches the human spirit. We employ professional full-time orchestra musicians, support two youth orchestras and a volunteer chorus, and offer significant educational programming aimed at improving underserved sections of our community. [charlottesymphony.org](http://charlottesymphony.org).

**About CPCC**

Central Piedmont Community College is one of the largest community colleges in the Carolinas, offering nearly 300 degree, diploma and certification programs; customized corporate training; market-focused continuing education; and special interest classes. CPCC is academically, financially and geographically accessible to all citizens of Mecklenburg County. CPCC responds to the workforce and technology needs of local employers and job seekers through innovative educational and training strategies. Established in 1963, CPCC has provided more than 50 years of service to Mecklenburg County residents, business and industry. For more information, see [www.cpcc.edu](http://www.cpcc.edu). Connect with the college on social media at [www.cpcc.edu/social](http://www.cpcc.edu/social).

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